

CESA MEETING
January 25th, 2009
John Orr Room

-----7:00 pm-----

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Agenda [Motion 1]
2. Approval of the Minutes from Jan. 11th, 200 [Motion 2]
3. Speaker's Business
4. Guest Speakers
5. President's Report
6. Vice Presidents' Reports
 - i. Internal
 - ii. External
7. AMS Representatives Report – See Appendix A
8. Student Senator's Report
9. Statements by Members
10. Question Period
11. New Business

[Motion 3]

Moved by: Todd Ormiston

Seconded by: Erika MacRae

That CESA Council officially approve the inclusion of the Referendum Question put forth by CESA Executive, "Do you support a mandatory Concurrent Education Student fee increase of \$3.00 (from \$10.00 to \$13.00) to come into effect for the 2009-2010 year?" on the Winter Elections ballot.

12. Discussion Period – 15 minute limit per topic!

-Reports to Council – See Appendix META

13. Adjournment [Motion 4]

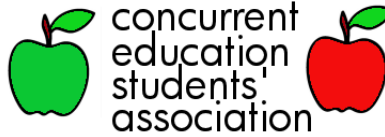
APPENDIX A



The Alma Mater Society

Queen's Undergraduate
Student Government
Since 1858

FROM THE DESK OF THE AMS REPS



Hey Con-Eddies!

Our last meeting with the AMS was held on Thursday, January 15th, 2009; first meeting of the year! Included in this report is what was discussed, and full minutes from the meeting are available on myams.org.

Since elections are coming up shortly, the AMS assembly was lucky enough to have the two AMS executive candidates as well as the Undergraduate Trustee candidates as our guest speakers. We were able to get a first glimpse of these students before the campaigning started. We would like to remind everyone to VOTE this coming week for not only the candidates and referendums running in the AMS and ASUS elections, but also our very own CESA positions and referendums!

A few things to think about:

- CFRC fundraiser from January 30 – February 8 with concerts, dance parties, theatre, screening of Ziggy Stardust...and much more!
- EngSoc has just at a meeting with engineering students from across the country, and they had all decided to start up a new conference which would be shared upon all universities of CFES (Canadian Federation of Engineer Societies) starting next year.
- An audit of IT services is taking place ... if you have any sort of expertise on this, please let us know – they'd love some help
- Holiday House Check was a great success this year! Only 7 break and enters reported of the houses they were looking after – that is a 2/3 reduction from last year's 27. The free service has presented to be very successful!

The course of this meeting was to pass the fee increases and plebiscites that were brought forward to the elections period. There was much discussion on some of these topics, such as the Plebiscites on Athletics. So to be unbiased in this report, we would like to keep this discussion capped to the minutes that are available for any of you who would like to view it. Some great conversations were had about all fees, questions, and elections on the AMS voter card.

The end of the assembly was a closed session where assembly members were able to discuss assembly meetings themselves. This information can not be disclosed at this point, but keep your ears opened to us, as there are some new and exciting additions that will be happening in the next few assembly meetings!

We would again, like to remind you all to vote! It is one thing to vote, but it is a great experience to have knowledge on what you are voting for! So please, make some educated decisions on January 27 and 28. Visit myams.org to find out what will be on your voting card today!

Until next time,

Erin Canon, Tiffany Kwong and Joann Mendler

APPENDIX META

Report To Council January 25, 2009

SUBJECT: Efficiency and Legitimacy – A Report on Reports

ORIGINATOR: Alex Benarzi, CESA Academic Affairs' Commissioner –
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PURPOSE

To allow movers of Motions or significant Discussion topics to clearly lay out their plains on paper so that Council members may review the ideas before the meeting and thus create a more effective dialogue

BACKGROUND

When a CESA Council Member moves a Motion or a discussion topic which proposes a change in CESA or the Con Ed programme, there is only so much he/she can say in the wording of the Motion. The result is that Council Members have to develop an understanding and opinion of the matter at hand while the Motion is being proposed. This can result in repetition of information, circular debates or arguments that could be better developed for or against the Motion.

Looking over the work of past Academic Affairs' Commissioners Jim Ghoshdastidar and Jenny Lee, I came across a "Report to Council" in this format, in which they clearly outlined the purpose, background and status of what we now call Academic Committee. I felt that a trail of this system might be beneficial to future CESA Councils.

VISION:

My vision for this "project" is that when proposing a Motion or significant topic, the Mover would write up a Report (not necessarily in this format) in which he/she clearly outlines the purpose, background, vision, financial implications (if any) and other relevant details. This report would be sent out with the Agenda as an Appendix along with the mover's name and contact info (e-mail). This would allow Council members to review the Motion or Discussion Topic beforehand and to contact the Mover for clarification on any point. Not only should this create a more engaging and efficient discussion, but, if the Mover keeps a record of the Report and submits it in their Transition Manual, then this would add to the Legitimacy of the Motion or Discussion Topic. Future Council Members can easily reflect on the initial intent of the Motion or

Discussion point and consider how they wish to adapt it to current needs or if it should be removed.

REQUEST

That CESA Council approve of a trial period in which a Report is submitted alongside a Motion or significant Discussion Topic, Containing but not limited to:

- **The Mover's Name and Contact Information**
- **Purpose of Motion**
- **Background**
- **Vision**
- **Request to Council**

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MOTION SHEET

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Seconded by:
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4. Moved by:
Seconded by:
That CESA Council move to adjourn the Meeting of January 25th, 2009